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FOR CORRECTING AIRFOIL TWISTRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121Commissioner for Patents  
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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003. Claims 1-24 remain pending in the present application.

Restriction has been required between (I) claims 1-23, drawn to an apparatus and (II) claim 24, drawn to a method. This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as one that does not include a clamping step. Applicant respectfully submits that whether or not a workpiece was clamped in the apparatus claimed in claims 1-23 would not have a significant difference on how the apparatus was operated. Moreover, using the

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apparatus in a process that does not include a clamping step would not be materially different from the claimed process because both relate to correcting twist in airfoil components. For these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicant provisionally elects invention I, claims 1-23 for further prosecution. The remaining claim will be retained pending resolution of the traversal.

An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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